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Jacques L. Wiener, Jr.
 Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1934
 Education: Tulane 1956 BA, 1961 JD
 Began Service: May 25, 1990
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
 Political Affiliation: Republican

Legal Practice: Partner, Wiener, Weiss & Madison (and predecessor firms)
 (1961-1990)

Military Service: United States Navy (1956-1958)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Bar
 Foundation; American College of Trust and Estate Counsel; American
 Law Institute; Council of the Louisiana State Law Institute; International
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Rhessa H. Barksdale
 Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1944
 Education: West Point 1966 BS; Mississippi 1972 JD
 Began Service: April 1990
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Academic: Assistant Professor of Military Science, University of Akron
 (1969-1970); Instructor, University of Mississippi School of Law
 (1975-1976); Instructor, Mississippi College School of Law (1976)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Byron R. White, Supreme Court of
 the United States (1972-1973)

Legal Practice: Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada (1973-1990)

Military Service: United States Army (1966-1970)

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Emilio M. Garza
 Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
 Education: Notre Dame 1969 BA, 1970 MA; Texas 1976 JD
 Began Service: June 7, 1991
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Judicial: Judge, Texas District Court, 225th Judicial District (1987-1988);
 Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas
 (1988-1991)

Legal Practice: Associate then Partner, Clemens, Spencer, Welmaker &
 Finck (1976-1987)

Military Service: United States Marine Corps (1970-1973); United States
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Current Memberships: San Antonio Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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Harold R. DeMoss, Jr.
 Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1930
 Education: Rice 1952 BA; Texas 1955 LLB
 Began Service: December 13, 1991
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
 Political Affiliation: Republican

Corporate: Legal Services Corporation (1982-1983); Director, Panama
 Canal Company (1976-1977)

Government: Member of the Council, Administrative Conference of the
 United States (1990-1991)

Legal Practice: Associate, Bracewell, Patterson & Patterson (1957-1961);
 Partner, Bracewell & Patterson (1961-1991)

Military Service: United States Army (1955-1957)

Current Memberships: Federal Judges Association; Houston Bar
 Association; Maritime Law Association of the United States; State Bar of
 Texas

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Fortunato P. Benavides
 Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
 Education: Houston 1968 BBA, 1972 JD
 Began Service: 1994
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
 Political Affiliation: Democrat

Government: Commissioner, Texas Juvenile Probation Commission
 (1983-1989)

Judicial: Judge, Hidalgo County Court at Law No. 2 (1977-1979); Judge,
 Texas District Court, 92nd Judicial District (1981-1984); Judge, Texas
 Court of Appeals, 13th District (1984-1991); Judge, Texas Court of
 Criminal Appeals (1991-1992)

Legal Practice: Rankin, Kern & Martinez (1972-1974); Partner, Cisneros
 & Benavides (and predecessor firms) (1974-1980); Sole Practitioner, Law
 Offices of Fortunato P. Benavides (1980-1981); Associate, Atlas & Hall
 (1993-1994)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Hidalgo County Bar
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Carl E. Stewart
 Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
 Education: Dillard 1971 BA;
 Loyola (New Orleans) 1974 JD
 Began Service: May 9, 1994
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
 Political Affiliation: Democrat

Academic: Adjunct Instructor, Louisiana State University (Shreveport)
 (1982-1985)

Government: Staff Attorney, Office of the Attorney General, State of
 Louisiana (1978-1979); Assistant United States Attorney, Western District
 of Louisiana, Department of Justice (1979-1983); Special Assistant
 District Attorney, Caddo Parish, State of Louisiana (1983-1985); Assistant
 City Prosecutor, City of Shreveport (1983-1985)

Judicial: Judge, Louisiana District Court, First Judicial District (1985-1991);
 Judge, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Second Circuit (1991-1994)

Legal Practice: Piper & Brown (1977-1978); Partner, Stewart & Dixon
 (1983-1985)

Military Service: United States Army (1974-1977)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Black Lawyers
 Association of Shreveport-Bossier; Harry Booth Chapter American Inn of
 Court; Louisiana Bar Association; Louisiana Conference of Court of
 Appeal Judges; National Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

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James L. Dennis
 Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1936
 Education: Louisiana Tech 1959 BS; LSU 1962 JD; Virginia 1984 LLM
 Began Service: October 2, 1995
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
 Political Affiliation: Democrat

Academic: Visiting Professor, Louisiana State University; Visiting
 Professor, Tulane University

Government: Member, Louisiana House of Representatives (1968-1972)

Judicial: Judge, Louisiana District Court, Fourth Judicial District
 (1972-1974); Judge, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Second Circuit
 (1974-1975); Justice, Supreme Court of Louisiana (1975-1995)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1962-1972)

Military Service: United States Army (1955-1957)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Federal Bar
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Edith Brown Clement
 Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
 Education: Alabama 1969 BA; Tulane 1972 JD
 Began Service: December 27, 2001
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush
 Political Affiliation: Republican

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable H.W. Christenberry, United States
 District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (1973-1975)

Judicial: District Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District
 of Louisiana (1991-2001)

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